Reply to Office action of January 22, 2009

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract originally filed with the attached one page abstract. A marked-up version is shown below. A new clean copy of the amended abstract is attached herewith.

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a A method for producing bearing shells, includes producing blanks according to which blanks are produced from a strip material, whereupon [[said]] the blanks are transformed into bearing shells and the bearing shells are provided with a lubricating layer. In order to be able to create a mark in an area that is visible once the bearing shell has been mounted, at least one engraved mark is introduced into the interior surface of the blank or the bearing shell within a strip-shaped region located below the partial area before the lubricating layer is applied. The depth and width of [[said]] the engraved mark are selected such that the contour of the engraved mark is maintained once the lubricating layer has been applied.